

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Longitudinally slit tubular electromagnetic shielding sleeve comprising:

a substrate (11) and an electrically conductive material layer (12) fixed to an internal face (11c) of the substrate (11), said layer (12) extending substantially from [[one]] a first longitudinal edge (11a) of the substrate (11) to the other a second longitudinal edge (11b) thereof, characterized in that

wherein the substrate (11) and said layer (12) are separated in a split segment (13) at [[one]] said first longitudinal edge (11a) at least, said substrate and said layer at said second longitudinal edge being inside said split segment between said substrate and said layer at said first longitudinal edge.

2. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said layer (12) is ~~formed of~~ an interleaved copper wire structure.

3. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said

~~layer (12) is formed of~~ copper wire structure comprises braided copper wires.

4. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said substrate (11) is ~~produced in the form of~~ a sheet thermoformed into a self-curling strip with an overlap.

5. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said substrate (11) is a textile strip.

6. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said substrate is a woven textile.

7. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said electrically conductive material layer (12) is fixed to said substrate (11) by one or more rows of stitches (16, 16', 16'') extending in the longitudinal direction of said sleeve (10).

8. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said split segment (13) subtends an angle (α) approximately equal to 90°.

9. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an overlap portion (15) of the first ~~one~~ longitudinal edge (10a) ~~of~~

~~the sleeve (10)~~ on the ~~other~~ second longitudinal edge (10b) ~~thereof~~ subtends an angle (β) from 60° to 90°.

10-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) Method of protecting a bundle ~~bundles~~ of electrical cables, which comprises the steps of:

~~providing an electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1, and~~

surrounding the ~~bundles~~ bundle of electrical cables with said electromagnetic shielding sleeve and placing the second longitudinal edge inside said split segment as set forth in claim 1.

14. (new) Longitudinally slit tubular electromagnetic shielding sleeve comprising:

a substrate (11) and an electrically conductive material layer (12) fixed to an internal face (11c) of the substrate (11), said layer (12) extending substantially from a first longitudinal edge (11a) of the substrate (11) to a second longitudinal edge (11b) thereof,

wherein the substrate (11) and said layer (12) are separated in a first split segment (13) at said first longitudinal edge (11a) and in a second split segment (13') at said second longitudinal edge, said substrate at said second longitudinal edge being inside said first split segment between said substrate and said layer at said first longitudinal edge and said layer at said first longitudinal edge being inside said

second split segment between said substrate and said layer at said second longitudinal edge.

15. (new) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 14, wherein said layer (12) is an interleaved copper wire structure.

16. (new) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 14, wherein said substrate (11) is a sheet thermoformed into a self-curling strip with an overlap.

17. (new) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 14, wherein said substrate (11) is a textile strip.

18. (new) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 14, wherein said electrically conductive material layer (12) is fixed to said substrate (11) by one or more rows of stitches (16, 16', 16'') extending in the longitudinal direction of said sleeve (10).

19. (new) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 14, wherein said first split segment (13) subtends an angle (α) approximately equal to 90° .

20. (new) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 14, wherein an overlap portion (15) of the first longitudinal edge (10a) on the second longitudinal edge (10b) subtends an angle (β) from 60° to 90° .

21. (new) Method of protecting a bundle of electrical cables, comprising the steps of surrounding the bundle of electrical cables with said electromagnetic shielding sleeve and

placing the first and second longitudinal edges in the respective ones of said first and second split segments as set forth in claim 14.